

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ABINGDON DIVISION**

**CRIMINAL MINUTES – JURY TRIAL**

**Day 8**

**Case No.: 1:17CR27**

**Date: 5/9/19**

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**Defendant: Joel Smithers, Bond**

**Counsel: Donnie Williams, Appt.**

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PRESENT: JUDGE: James P. Jones      TIME IN COURT: 2:06 – 2:20 p.m.  
Deputy Clerk: Felicia Clark      Total: 14 minutes  
Court Reporter: Donna Prather, OCR  
U. S. Attorney: Randy Ramseyer, Zachary Lee and Cagle Juhan  
USPO: Angela Sullivan  
Case Agent: Patrick Long

**PROCEEDINGS:**

- ☒ Jury returns at 2:06 p.m..
- ☒ Jury Verdict: **Guilty on All Counts (1ss thru 862ss)**
  - ☒ Jury polled.
- ☒ Government motion for detention. Court granted. Court will allow defense counsel to file a motion pertaining to custody. Court allowed defense counsel 14 days to file a motion for judgment of acquittal. Court discussed forfeiture issues with counsel. Government may request a hearing in regards to the forfeiture prior to the sentencing hearing, if applicable. Court directed defense counsel to request a transcript of the jury trial pertaining to the Government's case in chief. Defense counsel's motion for judgment of acquittal as to Count 1 remains taken under advisement.
- ☒ Sentencing set for August 16, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in Abingdon, VA before Judge Jones.
- ☒ Court orders Presentence Report.
- ☒ Defendant remanded to custody.